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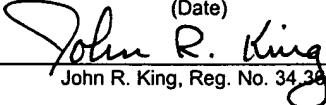
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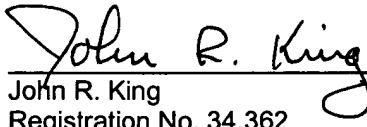
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the Issue Fee for the above-identified application:

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- (X) Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in two (2) pages.
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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance, dated June 29, 2005, Applicants note the following:

Examiner's Statement

The Examiner states that allowance of the independent claims (i.e., Claims 1 and 46) is based in part on the recited claim term "intent log" being limited to the following meaning:

The intent log tracks differences between metadata stored in memory (e.g., metadata in metadata cache) and metadata stored on disk The Intent Log Entry documents the intention to update both the version of the metadata stored on disk array 140 and any mirrored version(s) of the metadata on other server nodes 151 of the cluster 160. The Intent Log provides protection against inconsistencies resulting from a power loss before or during an update.

Applicants' Comments

To the extent that there is any implication that the patentability of either of the independent claims (i.e., Claims 1 and 46) rests on the meaning of "intent log" being

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limited to the description above, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's statement. Rather, Applicants respectfully submit that the meaning of "intent log" should include its ordinary meaning as known by one with ordinary skill in the relevant art. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 1 and 46 of the present application are allowable because Claims 1 and 46 each recite a combination of features that is not taught or suggested by the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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